

"Hearing and Doing the Word"

James 1:19-27

1. v. 19: "Know this..." Imperative tense. We generally are the opposite of this verse.
2. Why follow v. 19? Because NOT following it does NOT produce the righteousness of God. Imputed righteousness (God's righteousness applied to us) is NOT God's righteousness on top of our righteousness! It is God's alone.
3. v. 21: Welcome the Word AFTER putting away sin. (Romans 1:5-6 The obedience of faith)
4. v. 21: The Word is already implanted in the believer. (Hebrews 8:10)
5. We "welcome the Word" by OBEYING IT! To obey it requires KNOWING it... Knowing it requires STUDYING it!
6. V. 22: We WILL sin causing us to trip and fall, yet God wants us to get back up, spit the blood and broken teeth out of our mouths, REPENT and run back toward God. (Story of the Prodigal son). The Navy SEAL ethos: "...If knocked down, I will get back up... every time. I will draw on every remaining ounce of strength to protect my teammates and accomplish our mission. I am NEVER out of the fight!"
7. The Holy Spirit is the power source for the Christian's mission, NOT ourselves (the flesh). (Deuteronomy 30:11-14)

8. v. 23-24: "Man" in v. 23 actually means "Male", not human. This makes perfect sense because dudes don't care what they look like... most women persevere on how they look!

9. V. 25: "...perfect law of liberty" is doing the moral law of the Torah which is made possible through freedom FROM the law AND enablement by the Holy Spirit! (Romans 8:1-4)

10. Bridling the tongue is the key to "putting away all filthiness". (James 3:3-10)

11. "Worthless religion" is demonstrated by a lack of tongue control... (What you talk about when free, NOT planned speech) (Matthew 12:34)

12. 2 proofs of pure religion: 1. Acts of benevolence toward the helpless. (Psalm 68:5) 2. Keeping unstained by the world. (Psalm 112:9)